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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL

1. SUMMARY.ON FEBRUARY 13 ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS
MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL AT THE CHILEAN EMBASSY
IN WASHINGTON. HE WAS JOINED BY AMBASSADOR TRUCCO,
DEMETRIO INFANTE AND THOMAS LACKINGTON. SUBJECTS
DISCUSSED WERE UNHRC MEETING IN GENEVA, CONGRESSIONAL
ACTIONS ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE, BOLIVIA'S OUTLET TO THE
SEA, OASGA PREPARATIONS,
----- AND THE EXCLUSION
OF TIME CORRESPONDENT RUDY RAUCH.

2. CARVAJAL SAID HIS VISIT TO EUROPE WAS TWO-FOLD: TO
MEET WITH HIS EUROPEAN AMBASSADORS AND WITH SERGIO DIEZ,
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THE GOC'S SPECIAL AMBASSADOR FOR DISCUSSIONS ON DEVELOP-

MENTS AT THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. SO FAR, THE CHILEANS ARE AWARE OF SEVERAL PRELIMINARY DRAFT RESOLUTIONS. THEY DO NOT EXPECT THE BRITISH TO PRESS TOO HARD ON THE SHEILA CASSIDY CASE. THIS IS BECAUSE THE BRITISH APPARENTLY ARE BEING TAKEN TO THE EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE ABOUT NORTHERN IRELAND, AND THUS, FEEL VULNERABLE. DIEZ' STAFF IS WRITING A DETAILED REBUTTAL TO THE ALLANA REPORT, A COPY OF WHICH THEY WILL SEND TO US. THE GOC

EXPECTS THAT NO RPT NO CONDEMNATORY RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR SANCTIONS WILL COME OUT OF THE UNHRC MEETING.

3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS ASKED ABOUT PROGRESS ON THE OUTLET TO THE SEA. CARVAJAL REPLIED THAT COMMUNICATIONS WITH BOLIVIA ARE OPEN AND FRIENDLY. THE PROBLEM IS WITH PERU, WHICH IS TRYING TO STALL NEGOTIATIONS. THE GOC THOUGHT ITS INITIAL NOTE TO THE GOP GAVE SUFFICIENT ASSURANCES THAT PERUVIAN RIGHTS IN THE CORRIDOR WERE TO BE FULLY PROTECTED. ON HIS RETURN TO SANTIAGO HE WILL SIGN A NOTE TO THE PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR SAYING THAT CHILE AGREES TO "CONVERSATIONS" WITH PERU ON THE AREA TO BE CEDED. HOWEVER, THE NOTE WILL TRY TO IMPRESS THE PERUVIANS THAT CHILE AND BOLIVIA WANT TO MOVE AHEAD PROMPTLY. MEANWHILE TECHNICAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN BOLIVIA AND CHILE ON THE DETAILS OF THE TERRITORIES TO BE MUTUALLY CEDED WILL CONTINUE. THE IDEA AGAIN IS TO PRESS THE PERUVIANS. ROGERS SAID THAT OUR JUDGEMENT AT THIS POINT IS TO REMAIN NEUTRAL. CARVAJAL AGREED, SAYING THE PERUVIANS MUST NOT BE PUSHED TOO MUCH. CARVAJAL SAID IT WOULD BE BEST IF SECRETARY KISSINGER DID NOT RAISE THE SUBJECT DURING HIS STAY IN LIMA. MEANWHILE, CHILEAN PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON THE ISSUE WILL TRY TO REINFORCE THE IMAGE OF PERUVIAN STATESMANSHIP CALLED FOR IN THE SITUATION. TRUCCO INTERJECTED TO SAY THAT IT WAS ALSO IMPORTANT TO OBTAIN OAS SANCTION OF ANY FINAL AGREEMENT SO THAT THE CEDED TERRITORY WOULD ENJOY THE PROTECTION OF THE RIO TREATY. CARVAJAL COMMENTED THAT, IF NOTHING GOES WRONG, HE HOPES FOR A FINAL AGREEMENT BY JUNE, BUT HE ALLOWED THAT HE COULD WELL BE OPTIMISTIC.

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4. CARVAJAL ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE ACT IN CONGRESS. WE GAVE HIM A BRIEF RUNDOWN AND EXPRESSED OUR GUARDED OPTIMISM THAT THE FMS SALES WINDOW MIGHT REMAIN OPEN.

5. CARVAJAL TURNED TO DECREE 183. HE REMARKED THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF SKEPTICISM. MANY SAY, "LET'S WAIT

TO SEE IF THEY REALLY IMPLEMENT IT." THESE PEOPLE, SAID CARVAJAL, DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE INDIVIDUAL STATURE AND REPUTE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COURT AND THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE. CARVAJAL BELIEVES THE DECREE WILL BE QUICKLY AND FULLY IMPLEMENTED. MR. ROGERS UNDERLINED THAT SUCH IMPLEMENTATION WOULD BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. CARVAJAL SAID THE SECURITY FORCES WILL HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL -- NOBODY WILL WANT TO GET CAUGHT VIOLATING THE DECREE'S PROVISIONS.

6. MR. ROGERS REFERRED TO A LETTER FROM TIME, INC. TO THE SECRETARY CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION FROM CHILE OF THEIR CORRESPONDENT, RUDY RAUCH. CARVAJAL SAID HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE CASE BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN ABSENT FROM CHILE. HOWEVER, HE PROMISED HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT AS SOON AS HE RETURNED TO SANTIAGO OVER THE WEEKEND.

7. FINALLY, TRUCCO SAID THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH ORFILA ABOUT ACCREDITING CORRESPONDENTS TO THE OASGA. HE SAID THAT ORFILA HAD AGREED TO HAVE THE OAS DO THE ACCREDITATION. VISAS WOULD BE ISSUED FOR THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING, DURING AND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE GA. WITH RESPECT TO OUR QUESTION ON WHETHER THIS WOULD ASSURE FOREIGN NEWSMEN FREEDOM OF DOMESTIC COVERAGE IN ADDITION TO GA MATTERS, TRUCCO SAID THIS WAS CORRECT. INGERSOLL

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